

Exploring Nature with Kids!
Supervisor's Office
Siskiyou National Forest
USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region

Objective/Purpose of Project: Introduce elementary school children to Nature, in a summer recreation setting.

Methods or Techniques Used: Two one week nature sessions were held as a cooperative effort between the Forest and the Grants Pass Recreation Program. This was a continuation of a successful partnership initiated in 1997.

Realized/Expected results: Two sessions were successfully completed - "Exploring Habitats" and "In Your Backyard". This ongoing partnership with the Grants Pass Park and Recreation Program resulted in 25 children receiving a 3-day class of hands-on field and classroom experience with fish, wildlife and other natural resources of the Forest. Parent/student evaluations continue to be excellent. The Grants Pass Recreation Program provided a classroom, insurance coverage, registration, financial administration for 2 teachers, and advertising (inclusion in a brochure with 8-10,000 copies distributed). The Talk About Trees program provided programs on trees, forestry and papermaking. The Forest Service provided salary for natural resource specialists to conduct nature walks and lead the science part of nature lessons. Activities included information on "Animal Inn" wildlife tree program, "Rise to the Future" fishery program, and "Celebrating Wildflowers" botany program as well as general information on local wildlife, fish, plants and forestry. Meadow enhancement was completed on approximately 10 acres. This work included tree and shrub encroachment removal, bird box construction and placement, and snag creation.

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Agreement Type(s): Challenge Cost Share

Primary Partner List: Grants Pass Recreation Dept. , Talk About Trees

Project Data:

Category	# New Sites	# Sites Restore Enhance	# Presentations	Under 18 Attendance	Over 18 Attendance	# Products	P&M Program Mgmt. Plan \$\$	P&M Overhead \$\$	NFWL \$\$	NFAF \$\$	NFIF \$\$	NFTE \$\$	Total FS + Partner \$\$	Other Res. \$\$	Partner \$\$	Total FS \$\$	In-kind \$\$
Totals	0	0	10	50	2	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	1,000	3,200	0	0	2,000	1,200
Every Species Counts	0	0	10	50	2	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	1,000	3,200	0	0	2,000	1,200

Photographs











This project also benefited: Wildlife

Description of benefits to other program(s): 10 acres of meadow were restored (seedling conifers removed)

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